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Lutheran World Action Sunday

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PERSONS

The Rev. and Mrs. O. M. Odland, Dell Rapids, S. Dak., were given a dinner and a substantial cash gift by his parish, Dell Rapids-Willow Creek, after a joint service by the congregations March 22 at Dell Rapids, in appreciation of more than fifteen years of service.

The Rev. Virgil T. Foss, Kenyon, Minn., has accepted a call to Grand Forks, N. Dak., where a Home Mission church will be started in the south part of the city.

The Rev. Ingolf O. Kronstad, until recently pastor of St. John's Church, Sioux City, Iowa, was installed by District President Reinertson as pastor of Bethany Church, Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday forenoon, March 29. Later in the day the congregation held a reception in welcome of Pastor Kronstad and his family.

In honor of Dr. C. M. Weswig, professor emeritus, Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, open house was held March 21 at St. Anthony Park parish house, St. Paul, the occasion being his 80th birthday. Among the speakers were Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Dr. T. F. Gullixson, and Miss Bertha Lunde, superintendent of nurses, Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul.

The Rev. Wladyslaw Fierla, Polish representative in the Lutheran Council of Great Britain, is spending six weeks in this country to observe American Lutheran church life. Part of this time, from the 27th of March to the 10th of April, he was visiting in the Westwood congregation, St. Louis Park, Minn., parish of the Rev. Norman L. Nielsen.

The Rev. E. C. Astrup, Velsa, N. Dak., has accepted a call to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Levittown on Long Island, N. Y.

The Rev. Arnold H. Andersen, Two Harbors, Minn., has accepted a Home Missions call to begin a new church in Green Bay, Wis.

The Rev. K. W. D. Lee is serving Our Saviour's Church, Glen Head on Long Island, N. Y., during the pastor's (the Rev. W. V. Johnson) leave of absence for chaplain service.

The Rev. F. O. M. Westby, professor at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on leave for graduate study, is serving St. Stephen's Church, St. Paul, Minn., as interim pastor.

The Rev. A. M. Feroe, Duluth, Minn., has accepted a call for St. Paul's

Church, La Crosse, Wis. By authorization of District President Anderson he will be installed as pastor of St. Paul's in June by Dr. N. Astrup Larsen, who is serving the parish as interim pastor.

Correction: An earlier notice about the appointment of the **Rev. C. O. Pedersen**, Brooklyn, N. Y., as a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators should have stated that his recent appointment is to a Life Fellowship in the College; he has been a Fellow since 1940.

The Rev. Otto E. Hesla, who since last summer has been doing pastoral work, under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council, in the Savannah River area, with headquarters at Aiken, S. C., has by the Council's Division of American Missions been appointed general field worker in the program to defense communities. As Pastor Hesla's successor at Aiken has been appointed the **Rev. Richard E. Larson**, director of religious activities at the University, Vermillion.

The Rev. George K. Berg, formerly of Emmons, Minn., began Feb. 1 pastoral work at Paducah, Ky., under the auspices of the National Lutheran Council's Division of American Missions.

Correction: In the recent obituary of the Rev. Bert A. Olsen, it was stated, according to the ELC Biographical Directory of Pastors, that he served the Badger parish in Iowa from 1921 to 1924. This is an error; he resigned in 1944.

The following seniors at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, have accepted calls in the North Dakota District: Alfred Rosgaard, rural Williston; Norbert Jolivet, Sims; Ralph Johnshoy, Aneta; Eloy G. Nelson, McVillie; Clifford Ritland, Pekin; Kenneth Jacobson, Columbus; Orlin Ness, rural Crosby; Eugene Loken, Reeder; Elmer Anholt, Minnewaukan; Carroll Tollefson, Fillmore; Albert Grender, Watford City; Orville Grorud, rural Velsa; James Brooks, Nekoma; Gerrit Van Hunnicks, Milton; Arlend Aufentrud,

Dunseith, and Gerald White, W. Earth.

The Rev. P. C. Haaland, Belfry, N. Dak., will retire from the academic parish ministry.

The Rev. R. S. Chelmen, Minneapolis, Minn., is serving as interim pastor in St. John's Church, Sioux City, Iowa.

The Rev. V. G. Gilbertson, Cyder, Iowa, has accepted a call to R. Olds, N. Dak., and will begin his work there June 1.

The Rev. Harold J. Larsen, pastor of Calvary Church, Chicago, since 1946, has accepted a call from the Home Mission Board of the California District to establish a new church in Tucson, Arizona. He will begin his work there shortly after Easter.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Janesville, Wis. The speaker at a meeting April 7 of the Men's Club of the First Lutheran Church, parish of the Rev. M. C. Austinson, was Dr. C. Swain, Minot, N. Dak., past president of the ELC Brotherhood. At the club ladies night dinner May 5 the speaker will be Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, ELC general president.

Boscobel, Wis. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Joseph E. Lee, received March 22, thirty new members, adult baptism and confirmation.

Southern Minnesota

Franklin, Minn. An explosion of an oil furnace at St. Luke's Church, parish of the Rev. Allen C. Erickson, March 13 caused considerable damage to the furnace and the furnace room and sooted up the entire building. While repair work is going on the congregation will have to meet for worship elsewhere.

Minneapolis, Minn. On Palm Sunday, March 29, a confirmand's reunion was held at Our Saviour's Church, M. Kraabel, pastor, with a great many past confirmands in attendance. Speaker at the 9:30 children's service was Rev. Raymond M. Olson, steward and secretary of the ELC, a former pastor of the congregation. Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker.

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"Let Your Love Overflow!"

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West Berlin today is flooded by fear-driven, freedom-seeking East Germans—a tragic stream of humanity now exceeding 385,000 refugees and rising rapidly at a rate of up to 5,000 per day early in March.

At least one out of every five West Berliners is a recent refugee, and four out of every five refugees are Lutherans from East Germany.

Already staggering under overwhelming refugee problems, the Lutheran churches in West Germany have accepted responsibility to aid this growing group of desperate fugitives from Communism. Since eighty per cent of all East Germans belong to the Lutheran Church, provision of physical and spiritual aid in the Berlin situation becomes a task of enormous magnitude and significance.

The strategic importance of aid from U. S. Lutherans to refugees in Berlin, today partially sheltered in 86 inadequate refugee camps, cannot be overestimated in the light of facts like these:

Lutheran refugees in West Berlin total more than the entire Minnesota baptized membership of The Evangelical Lutheran Church!

Comparisons like these are startling but true. And this is no temporary emergency that may disappear overnight. West Berlin officials have figured out that, even if the refugee flow stopped tomorrow, it would take the city a full year to straighten out the situation.

This refugee problem points up a challenge which confronts not only U. S. Lutherans, but the world Lutheran fellowship as well. The need is there—a need that calls for a special outpouring of compassionate love and prayers, translated into action by an increased tempo of sharing, through gifts of both cash and goods.

The first place the refugees turn for aid is the Church, and rightly so. They should, and do, expect that Christians, striving to remain faithful to their Master's in-

struction, will provide refugees with clothing, food, medicines, aid in finding housing and jobs, emigration advice, and spiritual counsel.

Most popular among church-operated aid stations for refugees in West Berlin are the *Bahnhofsmmissionen*, barrack centers which the Church has set up at railroad stations to provide emergency overnight sleeping facilities, meals, clothing, child care, and a whole gamut of personal services rendered in the name of Jesus Christ.

On the night of last February 2, the Franklin Street *Bahnhofsmmission*, with a normal sleeping capacity of 50, sheltered 342 refugees—seven times the usual number! The Zoo station mission slept 85 refugees in space for 13, and the Wannsee mission, normally offering beds for 75 persons, reported that 180 refugees had spent the night there.

Staffed by consecrated Lutheran deaconesses and church women, the *Bahnhofsmmissionen*, nine throughout West Berlin, are the front-line Christian witness to the refugees. They offer such needed essentials as a hot shower, someone to look after small children while parents stand in line to seek recognition and other refugee rights, personal counseling, a lounge and materials for letter-writing and reading, Bible study groups and devotional services. Twelve full-time counselors are on the job, ready to be of assistance to refugees who need assurance.



Sandwiched between two adults, this tiny East German refugee boy sleeps peacefully, unaware of the tragedy which surrounds his life. West Berlin's refugee camps are so overcrowded that many people are sleeping in rows on straw-strewn floors or burlap sleeping bags which continually remind the occupants of the stables and barns from which the mattress stuffing was recently scooped. Others sleep on attic floors, on stairwells, in corridors of buildings, on benches, and in cellars.

Sister Edith, director of the Wannsee mission, a jolly, greying woman with a perpetual smile, never asks a refugee which church he comes from, but simply smiles and asks, "How can we help you?"

In one instance a refugee woman who left East Germany in such haste that she brought only three changes for her small baby received an important morale boost when Sister Edith was able to give her a Lutheran World Relief layette kit.

Another time the local police precinct sergeant telephoned the Wannsee mission to ask, "Can you help us clothe a naked man?" When Sister Edith heard that the man was a refugee who had swum the Havel River to reach safety, she quickly replied, "Bring him right over!" An LWR suit was found to reclothe the shivering refugee.

The bubbling little deaconess is confident that her little storeroom will never have bare shelves. The room is filled with gifts from Christians in the United States, Sweden, Switzerland, and other countries, listing such items as clothing, baby food, soups, and emergency medical supplies. Sister Edith proudly points to the little room and says, "The love of the Christian world assembles in our little pantry!"

Early in February, leaders of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation prepared



Cradling her head on an arm propped over the back of a neighbor chair, an East German refugee woman tries to catch some sleep in a West Berlin refugee center. Thirty-nine improvised refugee camps included in a total of 86 such stockades for the homeless exist today in West Berlin. Conversion rate of shelters has not been able to keep up with a refugee flood averaging 3,000 new fugitives daily. This woman has clamped her purse between her legs, as a precaution against petty thieves.

an urgent appeal to Christian Churches around the globe to double their efforts on behalf of the critical refugee problem existing in West Germany (at least 5,000 needy, uprooted homeless), and more particularly for the new fugitives entering West Berlin. German churches have issued an emergency request to the National Lutheran Council for refugee needs in Berlin.

Lutherans in this country are urged to support this plea, and to respond by contributing even more generously to Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran World Relief. Merely reaching this year's goal of \$2,600,000 will not be enough, because needs included are already located. The refugee influx in Berlin demands a response far in excess of 1953 minimum LWA goals.

To meet immediate emergencies in West Berlin, vast quantities of clothing, bedding, shoes, medical supplies, and food rations must be provided. U. S. Lutherans can respond to this challenge by supporting the Spring Clothing Appeal of Lutheran World Relief.

Relief, slated for April 19-26. Refugees entering West Berlin wear only the clothing on their backs, carrying no luggage, to avoid suspicion by East German guards.

LWR clothing, pouring into West Germany as a result of last fall's tremendous response to appeals made to U. S. Lutherans, is proving decisive in relieving immediate needs during the present Berlin crisis.

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A typical street scene today in West Berlin, as a bus provided by the Allied forces prepares to carry a group of East German refugees to centers for official X-ray examinations and security checks. Both of these requirements are prerequisites to receiving official recognition as a political refugee.



The Church has established a kindergarten in this refugee center, Fischer Street in West Berlin. Here, refugee mothers park their small children and carriages while they stand patiently in long lines to establish rights of asylum and other necessary official procedures. Church deaconesses and nurses care for the children.

The Gift We Promised

S. R. Torgeson
Executive Secretary, Department of Pensions

It was at the General Convention in June, 1950, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church promised to provide one million dollars to increase the retirement benefits to the aged and disabled pastors, pastors' widows, and to others who will retire soon. This promise had its origin in the local parishes of the Church. The delegate who was elected to represent the congregation at the church convention had authority to commit the congregation to such propositions as he thought would be proper and right. When the cause of increased retirement benefits was submitted to the convention for consideration, and the vote was taken to raise \$1,000,000 for such purpose, it was approved with none voting against it. The cause was just, worthy, and right. The congregations were pleased to have a part in it and took a positive stand cheerfully.

When the Pension Ingathering Appeal urged the congregations to arrange for the offering which had been promised to the Veterans of the Cross, they were not to regard the giving of it "as an exaction, but as a willing gift." Each congregation was to do its part as it had cheerfully made up its mind in the convention, and come through with the gift, "not reluctantly or under compulsion," but as cheerfully as they made the promise in the convention. Many were the cheerful givers who have supplied the wants of the saints to the extent of \$760,000 ("God loves a cheerful giver"); but we are \$240,000 short of the goal because some have had to postpone the raising of their contributions. Therefore, we are grateful to the Board of Trustees of the Church for the extension of time given. God grant that we make good use of the extended time to the glory of His Name.

The spirit which prevailed throughout the whole Church during the Pension Ingathering campaign was very encouraging. There was unity. Hundreds of congregations which did not reach their goals in 1952 have given us written promises that they have definite plans to complete the Ingathering and will make every effort to meet the goals in 1953. That makes us glad and hopeful. More such promises are coming in steadily. Before long most of the congregations which have not reached their goals will have made such commitments. This has only one meaning. The goal of one million dollars is attainable. The usual response of The Evangelical Lutheran Church to any recognized need and worthy cause will give the Department of Pensions the necessary funds with which to pay that debt of honor and gratitude to these deserving servants of the Lord. The joy which will come to the Church through the success of this campaign will be tremendous. "You

will be enriched in every way for great generosity; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints, but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God" (II Cor. 9:11-12).

With \$760,000 of the one million dollars in hand already; with substantial sums of money coming in regularly; with hundreds of promises already received from congregations that they have definite plans for completing the Ingathering and will make every effort to meet their goals in 1953; with commitments steadily coming from others and believing that the congregations of the Church will fulfill their promises, and that the goal of \$1,000,000 will be reached, the Board of Pensions, with the concurrence of the Board of Trustees and the approval of the president of our Church, has resolved to pay the retirement benefits of 1953 in the full amounts which the Church hoped for in the convention of 1950. Such retirement benefits became effective January 1, 1953, and the first quarterly benefit check was issued and delivered April 1. Surely, this is "a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God" (Col. 4:18).

The many expressions of thanks from the aged who received the increased benefits are truly heart-warming. Never was there a more genuinely appreciative group of folks than these. These thanksgivings are for all of you who have a share in the appeal as pastors, contributors, workers, supporters in prayer, organization leaders, encouragers, and the like. All the fine acknowledgments cannot be given herein. We shall quote some of them.

"My gratitude to God, to the Church, to the Board, and to you individually for all the blessings."

"I certainly appreciate the extra money I received . . . and I wish to write to you and tell you the great help it meant to me."

"God has been good and we thank Him, but we also would remember giving thanks to all those who are working to make life pleasant for us who are up in years."

"Wish to thank you for the increase and the wonderful way you are helping with the Pension. God bless you for what you are doing and reward you accordingly."

"It certainly made me very, very happy. I can not tell you what it really meant to my wife and myself. May God richly bless you and our dear people who have remembered us old, retired pastors, who have not very much to live on from month to month."

"I thank you for all the care you have for us older people."

"I have been ill the last several years—fighting carcinoma with deep X-ray treatments. They are both painful and expensive, so I am thankful for the pension as it is all the income I have."

"Receive my heartfelt thanks to all of you that have anything to do with pension for us retired ministers."

"In our case the check is more than welcome . . . for Rev. . . . is entirely helpless, bedridden. Been in bed a whole year now. God bless you."

"Sincere thanks for the increased check last week. It was a real surprise that the increase came so soon. I am very thankful as I have been ill these last weeks, and have extra expenses in doctors and medicine. I am soon eighty."

"The pension check has been a wonderful thing for me in my old age."

"It gives one a warm feeling of security that some one thinks of us and is concerned about our welfare and comfort."

"My sincere thanks to you all, workers and contributors."

"May God stay by you and please stand by us, old people."

"Thank you for sending me the last check with crease. Imagine my surprise and, of course, please when I went to cash the last check. I am very glad to get it and thank you heartily for remembering me."

"Let me express my sincere thanks to you, and all who had a part in the Ingathering project strengthen the pension fund. I am thankful to God who blessed the effort so richly."

"I wish that all of you who are laboring so much on our behalf might know how grateful we are—to God first, to our Church, and to all of you individually."

"God bless you and all of those that are working to increase the pension for those that need it for their living."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him, all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Just How Smart Are We?

Josephine Jacobson

If we allow alcohol to be sold and then say like we do to the people, "If you must drink then do not drive," we are only showing our stupidity. It is like telling a drowning man not to drown and then expect that he won't drown. We have no right to sell alcohol, which destroys a man's judgment, and then expect that man to exercise that judgment. Where do you think a just God would put the blame?

So we decide that we are going to do something about the death on our highways due to drunken drivers. We are going to clamp down on them stiffer penalties, when we are in reality as much to blame for allowing the stuff to be sold which destroys a man's judgment.

It doesn't take so very many drinks before a man's judgment is impaired, and such a one becomes very daring. Did you ever see a group of half-intoxicated youth in a car, one of them driving? It is a hair-raising experience, for they are afraid of nothing. All good sense has departed. Yet, try to tell them not to drive at that time, and they will just laugh at you.

Prohibition was not a failure, but some of the men we put in trust betrayed that trust, like one of our policemen years ago. He would notify a place here, where my neighbor worked, when the federal officers came to town so that they could hide their illicit slot machines;

and then he would let them know when the officers left town so that they could safely take them out again.

A good farmer works hard to keep out the weeds. How long would a field of grain have a chance to grow without a good farmer's ever vigilant fight against weeds!

Then some will say, "Just look at all the good we can do with the money received from liquor taxes. When I hear this, I am ashamed as I think of the sorrow brought to the families of the victims, which deprives them of life's necessities. Have we said to Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" and gone on our way unconcerned?

Wake up, Christians everywhere, and see the power in your hands if you will only use it. O God, give us ashamed hearts!

It isn't going to be so easy now to rid ourselves of the liquor habit with our country so saturated with it that even those who, in our country's grave crisis, are at the head of our government, must the first thing to do incorporate a Capitol Hill Club which will have a large bar and cocktail lounge, with adjoining conference rooms. May I quote directly from the March issue of *The Christian Herald*? "What a picture it is! Supposedly responsible members of government loafing at the bar and then going into the conference rooms to tackle world problems." What irony!



Back row: Victor Propp, Eric Pedersen, Roger Nostbakken, Richard Snipstead, Paul Nostbakken, Harold Tysseland. . . . Second row: Roy Tafso, James Engen, Harvey Neufeld, Henry Holte, Kenneth Finnestad, Glen Johnson, Norman Foster, Ivar Moen. . . . Front row: Albert Erickson, Harold Engen, Arthur Olson, James Hendrickson, Clifford Stalwick, Alfred Tysseland. . . . Director: Dr. O. K. Storaasli. . . . Not pictured: Walter Posehn, Elmer Rawling, Donald Vinge, Lorne Vinge.

Canadian Seminarians on Tour

Harold Engen

The executive committee of Luther Seminary Male Chorus, Saskatoon, has completed arrangements for the first extensive spring tour. The tour by chartered bus will cover 3,000 miles through six states and provinces. Twenty concerts will be presented in twelve days. The purpose of the trip west is to contact the Pacific Circuit of our Church, which was made a part of the Canada District of the ELC several years ago. A number of pastors in our churches in Vancouver and area are recent graduates of our Canadian seminary.

The Chorus is under the direction of Dr. O. K. Storaasli, professor of New Testament at the seminary. He will also be president of the seminary when Dr. J. R. Lavik, president since 1939, retires at the end of this academic year. The male chorus president is Roger Nostbakken. Lloyd Dahl is vice-president, and Albert Erickson is the treasurer.

The program to be presented includes three groups of songs by the chorus, several male quartet numbers, and an inspirational speaker. The composers of some of the concert numbers are Schumann-Bach, Christiansen, Crueger, Handel, Gretchaninof, Luther, Wohlfeil, and Schuetky. The chorus takes much joy in also including in their program a recent composition by Dr. J. R. Lavik. The new hymn by Dr. Lavik expresses the response of the Christian to the call of God for service in the whitening harvest field.

The speakers on the tour will be Dr. Storaasli and the seminary middlers and seniors who are in the chorus.

The chorus hopes to make the major part of its expenses through offerings at the various concerts.

TOUR SCHEDULE

- Tues., April 21, 8 P.M., Havre, Mont., First Lutheran Church (The Rev. S. M. Heen)
- Wed., April 22, 8 P.M., Kalispell, Mont., Bethlehem Lutheran Church (The Rev. J. M. Grimsrud)
- Thur., April 23, 8 P.M., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Trinity Lutheran Church (The Rev. E. E. Ostrout)
- Fri., April 24, 8 P.M., Seattle, Wash., Denny Park Lutheran Church (The Rev. B. T. Gabrielsen)
- Sat., April 25, 8 P.M., Matsqui, B. C., (The Rev. K. O. Kandal)
- Sun., April 26, 11 A.M., Annieville, Trinity Lutheran Church (The Rev. J. B. Haave)
- 3 P.M., New Westminster, Nidaros Lutheran Church (The Rev. I. J. Saugen)
- 7:30 P.M., Vancouver, First Lutheran Church (The Rev. A. Hagen)
- Monday, April 27, 8 P.M., Vancouver, Dunbar Lutheran Church (The Rev. C. Satre)
- Tues., April 28, 8 P.M., Everett, Wash., Central Lutheran Church (The Rev. J. L. Moilien)
- Wed., April 29, 8 P.M., Spokane, Wash., Our Savior's Lutheran Church (The Rev. M. O. Ensberg)

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Land of Tycoon and Coolie

R. A. S.

Hongkong is by many people thought of as a little rocky island stuck out in the sea just a little distance off the coast of South China. They would be surprised if they visited this colony of the British Empire, which shows much of the prestige and might that is usually associated with that great commonwealth of nations. It covers an area roughly twenty by thirty miles, including a considerable portion of the mainland as well as numerous islands. There is a large city on Hongkong Island as well as in the Kowloon section of Hongkong, which is on the mainland just a few minutes' ferry boat ride from the island itself. From Kowloon there is a network of concrete highways linking the villages and cities that are thickly scattered throughout the area. It is a densely populated section of the world, and the population increased tremendously since the Communists took over China, when about two million refugees fled into this haven of safety under the British flag.

Hongkong is a meeting point of nations and races from all over the world. Ships of every flag plow through the channels between the islands, including the ships of Red China. There is a busy airport with planes from many nations coming and going constantly. This colony is heavily garrisoned by British troops, and large matters as well as small details in the affairs of government are handled by the British staff with its usual methodical efficiency.

There have been tensions in Hongkong during the past years, but fewer than one would expect. There are many Communists, as well as refugees from Communist China, that are residing in this city, with enough

freedom of action so that a rebellious spirit is aroused by restraint and with enough restriction so they are kept fairly well in check. One gets the impression that the government is playing with both just enough to keep its own equilibrium and stable. There is no panic when rumors fly through the colony but there is no doubt that many plots and counterplots are hatched in this hub of the Orient to develop grown in other sections of the Far East.

Since the Communist occupation, our missionaries have continued active work in Hongkong. Most of the activity has been among the inland Chinese people who have come there as refugees from Communism. Each mission has few missionaries, the Lutherans joined together in a fairly close association so that most of the work is co-operative. Congregations are scattered throughout the entire area up to within a few miles from the boundary that separates Hongkong from Red China. Our Theological Seminary has continued through all the years since missionaries evacuated China properly, and a Bible school has recently been opened for training Chinese lay people in the Bible and for the purpose of creating a larger staff of trained evangelists and Bible women. There is a continued broadening field of work in Hongkong with more and more open doors of opportunity. These possibilities must be met, and our hope is that most of them can be met with native workers that we train through our institutions.

The Bible school has had an enrollment of twenty during a short three-month term, and will have about



Opening day at the Lutheran Bible School in Hongkong

an equal amount for a second similar term. It is hoped that the missions that a regular Bible school with a full two-year course may be established.

The quarters for the Bible school consist of formerphanage buildings that have for some time been used as a rest home for one of the larger missions in that area of China. The buildings are of stone and lie directly by the sea in one of the many bays jutting into the Hongkong mainland. In this beautiful setting we have room enough for comfortably housing thirty students, as well as two foreign families and four single teachers. The extent of co-operation in this school will be evidenced by the fact that the following missions at the present time have personnel serving on the staff: The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lutheran Augustana Mission, Norwegian Lutheran Mission, and Norwegian Mission Society. The Finnish Mission Society is planning to send a teacher who will be ready to begin next fall. As to the need of the school, the president of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Russell E. Nelson, writes as follows:

"There is a desperate need for Bible women. Our Lutheran congregations here in Hongkong are finding it necessary to borrow Bible women from other denominations. As to evangelists, we must say that there is also a great need. The Lutheran Seminary here is beginning to realize more and more that there is no danger of over-production of evangelists and pastors. What we fear is that we will stand before open doors without enough personnel to fill the needs. The Lutheran Bible Institute is at present planning to add a regular course to the short term course, beginning next fall, if the missions grant their approval. It should be added that the school is further needed to help us find out what men are suitable material for the Seminary. We have had many applications for enrollment in the Seminary that we have had to turn down because of the fact that we felt the candidate was too young a Christian, did not have enough foundation in the fundamentals of our Christian faith, or did not have any experience to make him a safe risk as a seminary student. With a Bible school in operation, we can test out such men before they come to the Seminary."

An analysis of the student body indicates that students come from three American missions, two Norwegian missions, two German missions, and from a local congregation in Hongkong.

Pastor Burke of the Augustana Lutheran Church, Board of Foreign Missions, has recently visited the Bible school and gives the following comments:

"I have visited the Bible school, spending several hours there yesterday. The quarters they have secured



Hongkong harbor scene

for the school are very lovely, and the rent is not exorbitant. I would recommend that, if possible, the Bible school be continued. We are going to have to screen quite carefully the ones who are sent to the Seminary at Taofongshan. For many years students have come from the various missions in the mainland as they have come out to Hongkong. They were products of the work of our missions when they still could operate in China. But that source is running dry. In the future we shall have to take in students at Taofongshan who are products of the new missions which have been established in Hongkong and Formosa. The young men in these missions have neither the spiritual experience nor the stature which those students have had who in previous days and even now are enrolled at the Seminary. Our Chinese pastor out here said, concerning a couple of the boys at Taofongshan, that in his church in China they would be classed as 'inquirers.' The Bible school can do a real work in discovering for us which students should go on for theological training and which should serve only in a lay capacity.

"The great need out here is for Bible women. I am disappointed that only five women were enrolled during this first trial term. The old Chinese philosophy as to the place a woman should occupy perhaps is one reason why so few women come. But yet these five women could be a factor that would build up five missions into strong congregations. The pastor is not able to serve as he should unless he has a Bible woman. The shortage of women can be solved by each congregation recommending a few of its promising young people for admission to the school. Our pastor at Shatin has seven whom he recommends, some of them women. Another of our churches has three. If this is carried out in all of our various Lutheran missions and then thirty are selected from all those recommended, then the problem will work out. I have also suggested that the congregations try to assume the support of their own students at the Bible school."

Two weeks ago Pastor Raymond O. Olson, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, told us about the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Evangelism Conference recently conducted in half the congregations of the Camrose and Edmonton circuits ("Flickering or Flaming?"—issue of March 31). His article amply demonstrated how practical this type of Parish Evangelism program is when it is carefully planned and carried out. It resulted in far-reaching blessings for the participating congregations.

The two circuits involved in that effort are made up of many congregations, most of them quite small, somewhat scattered. Physical difficulties tend to increase under those conditions; but there is usually a closeness of fellowship which more than makes up for that. Many of the pastors have too many congregations to make it possible for them to do as thorough work as they want to. All those circumstances made both pastors and people throw themselves into this evangelism effort with much enthusiasm. And it is not surprising that it was a success, that many people were led to see how much lay evangelism can accomplish and how many unchurched and unsaved can be reached. No one could read Pastor Olson's article without realizing that the evangelism effort had been a success.

We have before us as we write a comprehensive tabular report of another Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Evangelism Conference, one which was conducted under a completely different set of circumstances and conditions, but with equally gratifying results. This one embraced the Austin Circuit of the Southern Minnesota District, plus one congregation in Rochester.

Twenty-two congregations participated: two in cities, 11 in small towns and villages, and nine in the open country. It must be borne in mind that we are here dealing with a group of congregations at the very center of the ELC, most of them large and strong. Total baptized membership is well over 20,000, eight or nine times the membership of the congregations of which Pastor Olson wrote. Most of them are old congregations; the great majority have been ministering in their respective communities for much more than half a century. Surely, one would think, here is an area of our Church in which will be found few unchurched people, except for the "hard core" of "permanently unreachable."

But what did the conference unearth? Here are some figures worth studying: 349 lay men and lay women participated in visitations, making 1,157 calls involving interviews with 2,158 persons. As a result, 160 were willing to enroll in pastors' adult instruction classes; 298 requested membership in various congregations by transfer; 33 whose membership in Lutheran congregations had lapsed rejoined the Church by affirmation of faith; 141 children are to be brought to baptism; and 291 are enrolling in Sunday school.

Even allowing for a good deal of duplication in figures, it may be stated conservatively that between 600 and 700 individuals were brought into contact with the Church through that four-day evangelism effort. The figure would have been higher except for two factors: one very large congregation felt that at that time it should concentrate its evangelism efforts on its own indifferent members and did not therefore carry out visitation of the unchurched; one congregation did not carry out visitation work; and two vacant congregations were unable to participate fully.

So much for facts and figures. Now for pertinent comment. Some rather obvious conclusions may be drawn. One is that there is need for a program approximating the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Evangelism Conferences. When a fine, strong, alert congregation whose church has dominated its community for a century unearths (as one did) 36 people who are willing to enroll in the pastor's adult class, then, indeed, we submit, has been amply demonstrated.

A second conclusion is that our Department of Evangelism has fumbled and felt its way to a system of Parish Evangelism which seems to meet the need. No one look askance at the words we just used—"fumbled" and "felt." It is *only* by fumbling and feeling one's way that one can hope to arrive at conclusions in a field as intangible as Evangelism. The combination of enlisting all the pastors and hundreds of the lay people in a given area in the effort and then carrying out a careful program that includes "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching"—that seems to be what is needed.

Also a third conclusion may be drawn—one which is deemed tremendously significant. It is that *mission fields are where you seek them*. Let us stress yet again that the Austin Circuit is in the heartland of our Church; that most of the congregations involved have been ministering in their respective communities for more than half a century; that they have had and do have some of the ablest and most consecrated pastors in the Church; that in many cases the pastor serves only one congregation and in only a very few instances more than that; that the surrounding area is literally blanketed by congregations. All this would seem to add up to a well-churched area, adequately ministered to. Surely, there cannot be many "reachable unreachable" there?

Look at the figures again! A tremendous number

You Seek Them

appalling number, are precisely "reachable unreachéd." There is a field there, an almost limitless field. The Parish Evangelism effort in the Austin Circuit proves that. Nor is the field found only there; there is nothing unique about those 22 congregations. A similar situation would doubtless be found in almost every circuit in The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The truth is that few of our old, well established congregations have realized the tremendous fields that lie at their very doors. Two of the lay visitors in the Austin Circuit effort received a lesson which they will not soon forget. They engaged in conversation with a family in the vicinity of the church to which they themselves belong—a totally unchurched family. In the course of the conversation, a member of the family remarked, "We have lived in this house for 19 years—and you are the first people who have ever spoken to us about the Church." No wonder those lay visitors could find nothing to say in answer except "God forgive us!"

There are undoubtedly many reasons why we as a Church have been somewhat slow to realize the importance of "home missions at home." Our language problem and somewhat provincial attitude accounted for it for many years. Too large parishes and too little help made it difficult for pastors to do as much mission work as they should have done and wanted to do. And, above all, not enough stress was laid on the duty of each member of the Church to witness. We suspect that the last is the reason which explains our negligence most adequately.

Whatever the past may have been, it is the future which interests us now. And the future is surely bright if the story of the Camrose-Edmonton circuit effort and the Austin circuit effort can be repeated in all the circuits of The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Let your imagination roam for a bit. If 22 congregations reached 600 people through their Parish Evangelism effort, each one, on the average stands to gain 27 members. If the 2,700 congregations of the ELC took part in such an effort, with comparable results, 72,900 members would be added to the ELC. And all of it, mind you, in already established congregations. That, added to the annual growth made by the establishment of new congregations, would soon bring our annual growth to more than 100,000 members. At any rate, let the experience of these efforts at Parish Evangelism prove to us, if they prove nothing else, that *fields are where you seek them.*

Pictures do not usually adorn editorial pages. The photograph reproduced herewith appears only because it is in itself an editorial note. Do not look at the face (handsome though it undoubtedly is). Look at the necktie. It represents, we are told, "newest idea in Easter accessories." It is "a religious design featuring a stained glass window." And the wearer, who is also the designer, and who is described as "an active church member," expresses the pious hope that "he has set a style in Easter dress for men."

To which we fervently reply, "We hope not." If there is anything in the world America does not need, it is an Easter necktie "with a religious design." Do you remember when the cross became a favorite object for the adornment of women's dresses? We do not mean a single cross worn as a piece of jewelry by a person who thereby wants to give tangible witness to her Christian faith. No, back there a decade ago, fabrics were woven with numerous crosses as a part of the pattern, and crosses were hung here and there on women with no other purpose than decoration. We recall counting more than fifty of them on a young woman whose conduct and demeanor betokened anything but a Christian.

With the exception noted above, commercializing the sacred season of Lent and Easter and their symbols has been rather well avoided (although we did hear a T-V announcer laud the Lenten virtues of a certain brand of beer). Let's keep it that way. Business has taken over the Festival of our Lord's Birth and now we are trying desperately to get it back. Let's not clutter up Lent and Easter in the same way.





Women F

Life Membership

The income from this department is not credited to the budget of the Church but is used for special projects over and above the budget. These projects are changed every two years. The General Board prepares a list of worthy projects which is presented to the general convention for approval. When accepted by vote of the convention, these become the projects for this department for the next two years.

What is the purpose of the Life Membership and In Memoriam Department?

Through this department we strive to follow Paul's injunction, "Honor to whom honor is due." Life Memberships are given either to single or married persons in appreciation of years of service, as birthday or other gifts, as well as for Mother's Day, etc. In Memoriams are given in place of flowers as a tribute to the dead.



Our contribution to *Education* this biennium will include \$2,000 contributed toward nurses' scholarships, \$17,000 for our church schools, and \$1,500 to the Student Service Commission.

Church Extension—the building of a home mission church in Rainier Beach, Seattle, Wash. The money will later be reinvested in another home mission church. The Rev. S. E. Vevang is the pastor. \$30,000 is given to Home Missions.

Lutheran World Action is still sorely needed both for material and spiritual help to millions of destitute in Europe and Asia.

Active Needy Pastors fund gives a "lift" whenever possible to pastors in times of special emergency.

Our *Book Mission* utilizes the printed page as a missionary agency to people all over the world.

Our *Promotion Department* spearheads a continually growing work in each of the departments of our WMF.

The *Deaconess* cause will now be encouraged through a full time woman field secretary.



The *Charities Department* of our Church will receive \$12,500, of which \$2,000 goes to Home Finding Service for the Aged, that is, securing rooms in private homes when necessary or preferable. \$1,500 goes to the Ephphatha Mission for Christian work among the deaf and blind, \$6,000 special gifts to Homes for the Aged, and \$3,000 for Social Service Scholarships providing advanced training for worthy students preparatory to Christian Social Service work.



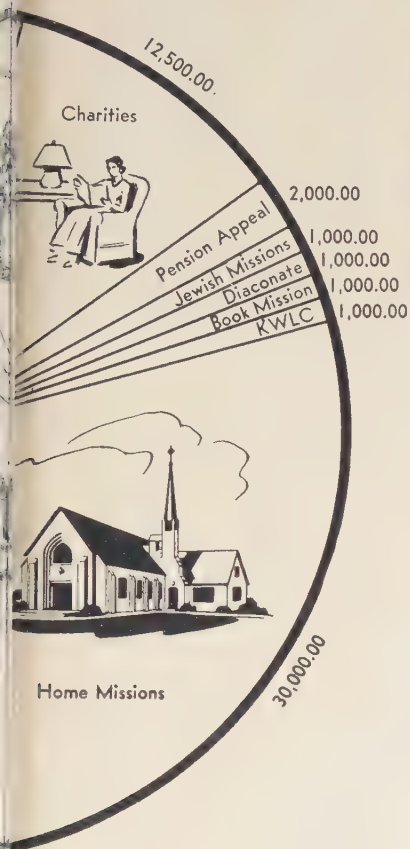
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CHURCH IN BOGOTA

Rolf A. Syrdal



A congregational outing

Scattered throughout the provinces of Boyaca and Arauca, Colombia, the congregations established by the Lutheran missionaries under The Evangelical Lutheran Church stood as strong witnesses of the power of the Gospel. They were in the midst of a society and political network dominated by a decadent type of Roman Catholicism. In some areas the people had welcomed the Evangelical missionary and turned to him as one they could trust, leaving the leadership of the priest. In other areas the priest had such power that the missionary was opposed, his house frequently attacked and stoned, and his own person in constant danger. The Church grew in all areas, however, showing the power of the Gospel and the need of the people being met by this message of peace and salvation.

Then came a day when persecution was intensified. Gradually the forces opposing Protestantism were gathered together for a concerted drive to oust them from the country. On a visit to the country I heard the admonition by the priest in Duitama blasted out over a loud speaker to the people of the town to "stone and burn the Protestants out of the city." This was only the beginning. Our missionaries were attacked and were able to escape from the interior of the country only by God's grace. The Protestant communities were attacked, and the believers within our churches were forced to flee. Most of them lost their farms, homes, and all they had except what

could be carried with them on their backs as they fled from burning homes. Mobs, led by priests and local police, knew no pity.

Many of the Protestant Christians fled out into the plains area in the lowlands. Others fled into the larger cities where they could live more or less hidden in the mass of humanity. Our missionaries remained in Bogota and began work in Medellin. Our purpose was to reach students and other residents of these cities, but also specially to minister to the Protestant refugees that were now located there. Meetings were held in the homes of missionaries and in homes of refugees. The latter were continued until it was found that such homes where informal Christian gatherings or Sunday schools were held became marked for attack and possible destruction. After several such instances, it was felt that the only way to really serve these people was to have a church home where they could gather for regular worship without drawing the attention of the fanatical opposition directly to the homes where they lived. After diligent search a suitable lot was found, and work begun.

The Lutheran Church now being built in Bogota, Colombia, is the first to be erected in that large city of over 700,000 people. It lies on a prominent street with good connections from all parts of the city by bus and trolley. The church will be solid and roomy enough for a congregation of four to

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The Rural Church

O. S. Hoven

For the ELC Rural Life Commission

The Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 10, is Rural Life Sunday. The first roots of the ELC were definitely of a rural nature. From our beginnings we have been a strong rural Church. We are still that, but on Rural Life Sunday it is good for us to re-emphasize our objectives to clarify our vision that our Church may continue to remain strong in the rural areas where our congregations are still the heart and soul of the community's life.

Here are our objectives:

(1) Outline again our area of responsibility. If a rural church cannot outline a *clear* area of responsibility, then pastor and people should pray for that day to come when through carefully planned parish realignment we do as a congregation have a specific area that we can call our own.

(2) Each rural church a worshipping church on *every* Sunday morning. Again, if this is not possible because of multiple parish situations, that we with God's help try to take those necessary steps so that it will not only be possible but actual.

(3) Develop as strong a program of parish education as is found in any of our sister congregations in larger cities.

(4) Build, equip, and maintain well-kept church facilities. We no longer farm with horses, we must do church work in a tractor age. Is your congregation providing modern equipment for your teachers, officers, and pastor to work with?

(5) Make the parsonage into a real country home.

(6) Develop an active youth program with a definite rural community service emphasis.

(7) Develop an organized effort to help Lutherans possess the land and maintain the family type farm. The rural church can no longer carelessly let farms escape from their hands. Try to work out a placement program within your own congregation.

(8) Stewardship in rural areas begins as in other places with man's surrender of life to Christ. That start having been made, rural stewardship next touches, not the pocketbooks, but the soil. Co-operate with local agricultural agencies and organizations that are working for a better rural life. With much of the fertility potential of our country already eroded away, there must be a greater and greater turn to sound conservation practices if rural life is to be a good life for the generations that will succeed us.

(9) Build up a holy people who

(a) Know the Triune God and rejoice in their salvation.

(b) Regard work and property as a means of

glorifying God and as a means of serving their neighbor.

(c) Believe in the values of rural life.

(d) Seek to make rural life beautiful and secure.

(e) Are grateful to God for the privilege of being tillers of the soil.

These objectives are taken from the Commission on Rural Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

The Rural Life Commission of the ELC hopes that rural life Sunday will be observed throughout the Church. For as the rural church visualizes her place in the economy of God, she will with renewed zeal continue in that work which God has entrusted to her care. She will bring glory to Him; but more, she will keep the rural community of such good timber that it will serve men in a way that provides an abundant life. A life that knows peace with God first of all, then lives on the bounty that God provides from the good earth.

Canadian Seminarians on Tour

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Thurs., April 30, 8 P.M., Columbia Falls, Mont. (The Rev. Harry Baker)

Fri., May 1, 3 P.M., Nidaros Lutheran Church, Claresholm, Alta. (The Rev. A. Tveit)

Fri., May 1, 8 P.M., Calgary Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alta. (The Rev. L. E. McFarlane)

Sat., May 2, 2 P.M., Vig Lutheran Church, Bentley, Alta. (The Rev. A. Dahlen)

Sat., May 2, 8 P.M., Camrose Lutheran Church, Camrose, Alta. (The Rev. S. Veldey)

Sunday, May 3, 11 A.M., Scandia Lutheran Church, Scandia, Alta. (The Rev. J. H. Rostad)

Sunday, May 3, 3 P.M., Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alta. (The Rev. G. O. Evenson)

Sunday, May 3, 7 P.M., Golden Valley Lutheran Church, Viking, Alta. (The Rev. J. Precht)

Let Your Love Overflow

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Once they have been flown from Berlin to Germany, refugees need help in new life adjustment. There are referrals to housing projects, and revolving loan funds to start life over again. Lutheran World Action is the channel through which we give such aid.

Similarly, LWA supports emigration aid through the Lutheran World Federation's Service to Refugees, offering registration and aid in the screening process. LWF-SR hopes to resettle at least 20,000 refugees overseas during 1953.

And last, but certainly not least, an adequate spiritual ministry is needed to counsel persons who are weak in hope and desperate in prayer for aid. In this ministry Lutheran World Action will provide both material and spiritual support for front-line church workers, so that the power of the Gospel may be strengthened and the Church held high before the hearts and eyes of the world.

Your Shepherd

Harold B. Kildahl

Text: John 10:11-16

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 19, 1953

Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is your Shepherd, the shepherd of your soul. This is the greatest blessing God has provided for His people. I wonder if you are thankful for such a blessing.

I know there are many—those of other folds—who know not the truth of Jesus Christ and His love, who are not thankful for that blessing. How could they be without knowledge, without assent to the truth, without trust in the truth? The other fold-folks, whoever they are, need the good offices and interests, the prayers and sacrifices of the men within His fold if ever they shall be thankful for that blessing.

I know there are many—those who know the truth but who follow it not—who are not thankful for that blessing. But why? When the blessing of a shepherd, one who loves, cares, leads, guides, provides, blesses, and saves, is life's greatest need? Isn't it true that careless men, indifferent men, who know the truth and have heard the Word, are losing the greatest blessing God provides? You and I then, the sheep of His fold, are required to pass on, give to others, and by word and example to influence the lives of careless men and bring them into the fold of the shepherd of souls.

I know there are many—those who love the Saviour and who hear His voice and by His grace follow Him. If it were not so, the program of the Church in this world would have fallen into oblivion long ago. If it were not so, you and I would not be called upon to share our blessings through foreign and home missions, through Lutheran World Action and all the rest. If it were not so, the bells would stop peeling out the glad tidings from church spires, and organs would cease, and tongues would be stopped. If it were not so, love and sympathy and comfort and understanding—the effort of some to share burdens with others—would end and the world of men would be given over to selfish and self-centered living. I know there are many who love the Lord and His Kingdom.

I know there are many—but what of you? Are you of the fold—one of His sheep? Are you committed to heavenly purposes and divine goals? Are you consecrated in life and dedicated to the proposition that through faith in Jesus Christ you have a shepherd of your soul—now and for all eternity? The Risen Christ goes before—listen, hear, heed—and follow Him through life and in heaven forever. Amen.

Our Pastoral Supply and Need

Philip S. Dybvig

Do we have enough pastors in the ELC? How many parishes are vacant at present? How many men are enrolled at our seminary now? Will we soon reach the saturation point in our pastoral supply?

At present 398 young men are enrolled in our seminary, of whom 114 are in their senior year. This means roughly one seminarian for every four parish pastors. No wonder some ask about the situation.

Each year the ten district presidents report to the Board of Home Missions the total number of vacancies. In February, 1952, they reported a total of 105 vacancies. That following spring 104 young men graduated from Luther Seminary, of which number 85 accepted calls as parish pastors. But by December, 1952, the district presidents reported 113 vacant parishes!

Many will ask, "How come?" If you subtract 85 from 105, why is not the answer 20 instead of 113?

Ours is a growing, dynamic Church, and the need for pastors is far greater than most people realize. It usually takes about 45 men to replace those who die or retire each year. It takes 20 to 30 to supply new Home Mission parishes established annually. Foreign Missions asks for a number each year, and Christian Education always uses many pastors.

Remember, too, that we have 700 silent pulpits in the ELC every Sunday. Too many pastors still serve three or four congregations—a frustrating experience. Some of them are like the man who jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions. Recently I heard a pastor jokingly say, "I hope my next call will be to a parish with three congregations so that my people will never know where I am." But parish divisions and realignments are breaking fast. Twelve were reported last year in one district alone. More are coming.

Many more of our larger congregations need associate pastors and would gladly call them. But now they say, "What's the use? If we get a good one, vacant parishes soon find out, and after his first year he gets a call a week. Even if he stays, he is too upset to work effectively. He better accept one of his calls."

More pastors are needed for institutional chaplaincies. Others are needed for other types of Lutheran Welfare and social service. As a Church we also need to supply our share for co-operative Lutheran work, especially in National Lutheran Council agencies.

Shall we not minister to our young men and women in the armed forces? More chaplains are needed. The Lutheran quota is low, as is the ELC quota.

As a people we continue to pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel N

TOWARD THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

The Gospel: John 16:16-

Monday, April 20 YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Paul speaks of the congregation in terms of God's temple. Under the old covenant, the temple had been "God's dwelling place." Under the new covenant, there is no longer an outward temple. The community of believers, the congregation, is God's temple where God dwells in a real and living way. It is a holy building because it is sanctified by the presence of God's Spirit. Its foundation is Jesus Christ Himself.

But just as an earthly temple can be profaned and destroyed, so too with the Christian congregation. In Corinth, the true nature of the congregation as God's temple was being undermined by party strife. Paul's words are both a somber warning to those who were doing violence to God's temple, as well as a reminder to the congregation as a whole of their true nature. "If any man destroys God's temple, God will destroy him."

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Thursday, April 23 VARIETIES OF GIFTS

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; . . . to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

"Variety is the spice of life." A person who can see beauty in only one kind of flower is poor indeed. One thing that makes people interesting is that no two are exactly alike.

Within the community of believers, there is also variety. Variety of gifts, variety of service, and varieties of working. We tend to view with suspicion those whose gifts differ from ours. Let us remember that it is God who gives the various gifts. How foolish then to set one gift against another or to value one service above the other. All have a common source and a common goal—to work for the good of all. Variety is therefore not something to be feared, but something to be accepted as a gift from God and used for the common good.

Dear God, help us to value every member of the body of Christ. Amen.

Tuesday, April 21 BY ALL MEANS SAVE SOME

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Some people seem to have the idea that the ability to antagonize others is the test of effective witnessing for Christ. Paul has a different test—the effectiveness of his witness he sees in terms of saved souls. And he realizes that if he is to be in a position to witness effectively to others of Jesus, he cannot afford to antagonize them by a stubborn refusal to adjust his manner of living so as not to offend those whom he is seeking to help. Like a good fisherman, he varies his bait and technique according to the circumstances under which he is fishing.

Paul has one object—that he might by all means save some. To achieve that object, he is willing to become all things to all men. Perhaps you, too, could be a more effective witness for Jesus if you were less concerned about your "rights" and more concerned about the souls of others.

Dear God, help me to live in love. Amen.

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Friday, April 24 ALL TOGETHER

Read 1 Corinthians 12:14-31

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Paul illustrates the organic unity of the congregation in terms of the human body. The human body has many parts, but each part has a function to fulfill which is important to the body as a whole. Not only that, but the well being of each part is a concern of the whole body. If you have a toothache, you feel miserable all over. The hand of the artist may indeed be the member that puts the final touch on a masterpiece, but the whole body rejoices in the accomplishment.

So, too, with the Church of Christ. The spiritual troubles of the individual are a cause for concern for the group. The spiritual triumph of one is a cause for all to rejoice. In the Church it is not each one for himself, but all together.

Dear God, may we learn to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. Help us to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Wednesday, April 22 BEWARE OF SPIRITUAL CARELESSNESS

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The existence of various opposing groups within the congregation in Corinth did violence to the true nature of the congregation as God's temple. Likewise the manner in which they celebrated the Lord's Supper was out of harmony with the true purpose and nature of the Sacrament.

The Lord's Supper is directly connected with the death of Christ and His coming again. As we partake of it, we are to remember Jesus and His death on the Cross for our sins. Through it, Jesus comes to us with His body and blood. It is a most sacred fellowship between the group of believers and their Lord until the day He returns again. Any observance of the Lord's Supper not in harmony with its nature and purpose is unworthy of being used in a Christian congregation. Failure to discern the body causes weakness, illness, and death. May God preserve us from spiritual carelessness.

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Saturday, April 25 QUALIFIED TO BE MINISTERS

Read II Corinthians 3:1-6

Our sufficiency is from God, who has qualified us to be ministers of a new covenant. . . .

Paul's spiritual authority had been challenged by some in Corinth. He reminds them that the very existence of the congregation of believers in Corinth is proof that Christ, the author of salvation, has been at work among them through him. His qualifications for this work do not lie in his own abilities, but had been given him by God who had called him to be a minister of the new covenant.

This knowledge that God qualifies those whom He calls to be ministers is a source of comfort and assurance to both minister and congregation. It gives the minister courage to go about his work in spite of the consciousness of his personal limitations. It gives the congregation confidence in their pastor, because they see in him God's servant to them.

Dear God, bless our pastor and equip him for Thy work among us. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by
Raymond M. Olson

LILJE TO ADDRESS LUTHER LEAGUE

Dr. Hanns Lilje, president of the Lutheran World Federation, has accepted invitations to speak at two Luther League conferences in the United States late in June and early in July, according to announcement from LWF headquarters at Geneva. Bishop Lilje will come to the U.S. to speak at the fifteenth annual Lutheran Youth Conference, sponsored by the Augustana Lutheran Church's Luther League, at Boston, Mass., June 24-28, and at the fifteenth biennial International Convention of the Young People's Luther League of The Evangelical Lutheran Church at Fargo-Moorhead, July 1-5.

BIBLE SCHOOL IN TANGANYIKA

Forty-five students of the Marangu teachers' training school, maintained by the National Lutheran Council's Commission on Younger Churches and Orphaned Missions, have cut a large plot in thorny brush near the Mwika Lutheran Mission, where the first Lutheran Bible School in Tanganyika will be built. The Bible School Board, on which each area is represented by two missionaries and two African delegates, has made plans to begin the first ten-week course in August, and to follow up with three more ten-week courses in 1954. It is expected that each period will be attended by some 35 African students, of whom, at least at the early courses, nearly all will be evangelists.

The Northern Tanganyika and the Usambara area churches are planning to receive offerings one Sunday each year for the new Bible School, and the amount is expected to cover the costs for running the school "without dipping into mission funds," it was reported by the Rev. O. Walden Hedman, evangelist in the areas mentioned. However, the young churches could not carry building costs or the salaries of missionaries working at the school. The Board has voted to proceed immediately with the building of one primitive but permanent dormitory of concrete block.

STATE FLAG TO CHURCH



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Gov. Alfred Driscoll of New Jersey (right) presented the state flag to Dr. Edward Allen Morris, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J. (center), in recognition of the part the congregation has played in the official life of the state. Holding the flag is the president of the church's board of trustees. Special prayer services, attended by state officials, are conducted in the church every year at the start of the legislative sessions to invoke Divine guidance for the state government.

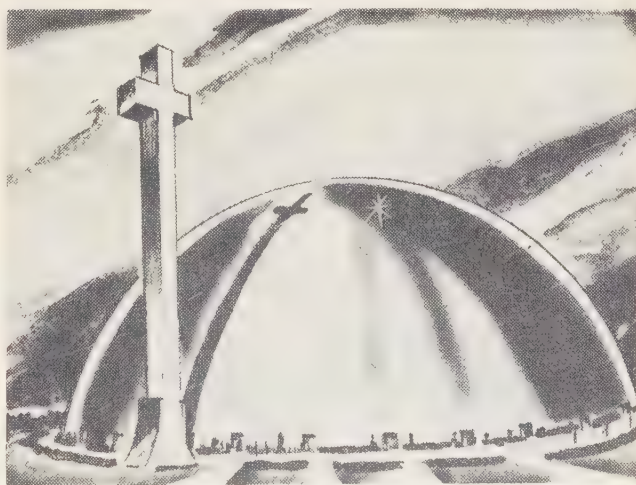
TEN DOLLAR CLUB

The Church of the Brethren has launched a Ten Dollar Club to encourage a large number of members to make small contributions toward new Home Mission churches. Harl Russell, secretary of the General Brotherhood fund, describes the way the new club will operate:

"When the Ministry and Home Mission Commission decides that a local situation merits a home mission grant of funds to build a new church or extensively improve a building to serve a growing congregation, club members will be called upon for \$10. This will be credited directly to the new work on that particular home mission church.

"When enrolling in the Ten Dollar Club each member will be asked to indicate how many times during the year he will be willing to contribute. His desire to send \$10 once, twice, three times, or five times a year must be expressed on the enrollment card. He will receive full particulars about each church when he is called upon to help."

EVANGELIST'S PORTABLE TABERNACLE



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Shown here is the architect's drawing of a 100-ton, all-aluminum portable tabernacle being built in Georgia for Evangelist Billy Graham by the R. G. LeTourneau Company. The structure, shaped as a complete circle and dome, will be 300 feet in diameter at the base and 85 feet high in the center. It will seat from 12,000 to 14,000 people. The entrance to the building will be marked by a huge cross 100 feet high. The tabernacle will be used in an evangelistic campaign in Detroit next fall. After the Detroit crusade, it will be sent to England for use in the three evangelistic drives Dr. Graham has scheduled there in 1954.

OBJECTIONABLE BOOKS AND COMICS

State legislatures all over the United States have been studying bills intended to clean up news stands by getting rid of books and comics which are obscene, seeking to draw the line between getting rid of the evil and safeguarding the rights of a free press so as to avoid pure "witch-hunts." Among the states getting a decision made is New York. The measure, which has been sent to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, would ban the sale or distribution of:

Pocket-sized books "devoted to the portrayal of sex or lust in a manner which reasonably tends to excite lust or lecherous desire or to lead to the commission of depraved or immoral acts." . . . Comic books "devoted to the publication and exploitation of fictional deeds or violent bloodshed, lust or immorality so massed as to reasonably tend to incite minors."

SPIRITUAL PROGRAMS FOR INDUSTRY

The biggest development in industry today is the news that quiet tests are being run in a few industrial plants to

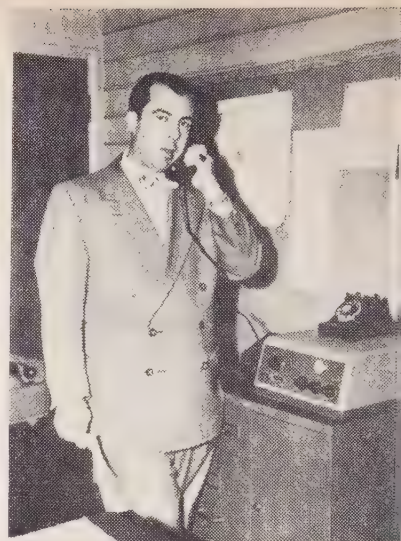
show how spiritual force can be applied practically." This was the message brought by James A. Rowan, chairman of the Group Attitudes Development Corp., at the 12th annual conference of the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World.

According to Mr. Rowan, representatives of industrial companies, colleges, labor mediation boards, the clergy, and prominent Christian laymen are conferring in the development of such programs which are intended to build spiritual values into work relationships in business offices and plants. This growing interest has been especially noticeable in the past 18 months and is attributed to a realization that technical progress has not succeeded in solving problems in human relations and person-to-person communication which have resulted from the kind of industrial society which has developed.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The Pentagon has announced that clergymen may now volunteer for one year of active duty as chaplains instead of the previous 17-24 months. Those who hold company-grade (1st

DIALING A SERMON



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The Rev. Herbert J. Schneider, pastor of Christ Memorial Church, Studio City, California, has been recording telephone messages since September, 1952, and has invited people to dial his number to get short sermons. With an estimated 45 calls a month, the service is running in trouble. The telephone company has disconnected the mechanical answering device used to relay his inspirational messages from his phones. Company officials said the service was taken out "in the public interest" because the mounting number of calls coming through it has jammed exchange. The minister says he plans to protest the action to the State Public Utilities Commission.

RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE



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One of the unique approaches to emphasize the importance of religion in the U.S. is that made by the non-sectarian Religion in American Life (RIAL) program. It seeks to increase attendance and support for churches and synagogues of all faiths. It is sponsored by a Laymen's Committee composed of members of the three major faiths and is supported by 24 national religious bodies. The Advertising Council contributes full co-operation. The 1952 volume of advertising contributed by American business is estimated to be worth more than \$5,000,000.

In this photo Charles E. Wilson (center) discusses plans for the 1953 advertising campaign with Dr. Karl K. Quimby (left), chairman of the program's Board of Directors, and Stanley Resor, president of the advertising agency which manages the advertising campaign.

lieutenant or captain) commissions in the Army Reserve or National Guard are eligible for the new reduced tour of duty. . . . President Eisenhower is encountering the same "tourist problem" as the result of his regular church attendance that confronted former President Truman, even though his church attendance is usually at the first service at 9:30 a.m. . . . As predicted last November the Norwegian Parliament passed the Church Reform Act at cutting out its most important provision—establishment of a Church Council vested with supreme authority over spiritual and internal church matters. . . . A resolution calling for a half-mile wide "dry zone" around the United States Capitol was adopted by the Washington (D. C.) Ministerial Union. . . . Donald W. Eastvold of Tacoma, Washington, has been named alternate U.S. delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and legal adviser to the delegate, Mrs. Oswald B. Lord. The Commission meets in Geneva on April

Schools and Colleges

Edited by the Department of Higher Education

ELC BUILDING PROGRAM APPROVED BY BOARD

The Board of Education of the ELC has now approved the building program voted by Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash., and it is expected that construction work will begin on the new boys' dormitory sometime before Sept. 1, 1953. The new building will house approximately 125 students.

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Plans for the second annual Festival of Drama and Music are now being made, dates having been set as May 7, 8, 9 and 10. On the concluding day, May 10, a great worship service will be held in connection with the festival, with Dr. T. F. Gullixson, president of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, as the speaker.

CONCORDIA HOLDS LUTHER LEAGUE DAY

Young people from four states are meeting on the Concordia campus, Moorhead, Minn., this week-end in "Luther League Day" festivities. Included in plans for the one-day gathering are devotional meetings, discussion periods, demonstrations of various phases of League work, a tour of the campus, a concert by the Concordia Choir, and a Letterman's carnival in the new gymnasium-auditorium.

FROM LUTHER COLLEGE

The annual Honors convocation was held at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa on March 23, with President C. H. Becker of Wartburg College as the speaker. Certificates of membership were awarded to members of the freshman and senior honor societies, as well as scholarships for the 1953-54 school year. Banquet speaker in the evening of that day was Dora V. Smith, professor of education at the University of Minnesota.

The following scholarships were awarded: Pre-theological scholarship of \$100, Paul Ofstedal, Decorah, Iowa; Luther College scholarships of \$100 each to James Field, Forest City, Iowa;

James Preus, St. Paul, Minn.; Kathryn Sanger, Boscobel, Wis.; and Gloria Smalley, Osage, Iowa. Other scholarships given included the Enoch E. Peterson classical scholarship of \$75 to Richard Russett, Postville, Iowa; Charles H. Norby memorial scholarship in history, \$50—Maynard Anderson, Hesper, Iowa; Junior Bickle memorial scholarship of \$50—David Reque, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Decorah Luther College Women's Club scholarship of \$100—Helen Jensen, Alden, Minn.; Blanche Christy scholarship—Gertrude Kolstad, Lanesboro, Minn.; Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship of \$300—Alvin Brekken, Stoughton, Wis.; and Luther League scholarship for study at Luther Theological Seminary—Wilfred Bunge, Spring Grove, Minn.

NEWS NOTES FROM SLBI

Annual Consecration Week was held at the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask., March 1-8, with Evangelist Nels Pedersen as visiting speaker. A short time later the Board of Management at the school voted to call Evangelist Pedersen as a full-time evangelist-teacher. Statistics given at the board meeting showed a total of 103 students in attendance during this year, with 17 in the Bible department and 88 in the high school department, with two students being counted in both departments.

The date for graduation has been set for Sunday, May 31. Speaking at baccalaureate services will be Dr. J. R. Lavik, retiring president of Luther Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, and Pastor G. O. Evenson, former president of SLBI will bring the graduation address.

ST. OLAF STUDENTS ATTEND NLC SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON

Six St. Olaf students were among the 50 Lutheran students from throughout the nation attending a seminar sponsored by the National Lutheran Council in Washington, D.C., from March 29-April 1.

Selected students from all Lutheran colleges and seminaries gathered to observe federal government in action, discuss current problems, and to clarify the relationship of Christian leaders to government in a democracy.

St. Olaf students making the trip were: Olive Jacobson, Northfield; John Norby, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Dave Gangsei, Sacramento, California; James Smestad, Worthington, Minn.; Charles Espe, Goldfield, Iowa; and Evangeline Olson, Jackson.

WISCONSIN HAS PLAN FOR STATEWIDE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

An interesting development in higher education is taking place in Wisconsin where a study of the relationship of all institutions of higher learning to the state university has provided the basis for a plan which promises to revolutionize the concept of a university in the Midwest.

The idea of creating a geographical university to embrace all institutions of higher education into one system in order to grant a single uniform degree is not new to some educators. The execution of the plan in Wisconsin, however, means that regardless of the public institution attended by a student, the state university would grant the degree when the course of study is completed.

Education News for February 28 describes the Wisconsin developments as follows:

"The integration of the University of Wisconsin, the Institute of Technology, Stout Institute, nine state colleges, and nine university extension centers into a state-wide university system is recommended this year to the Wisconsin legislature by Gov. Walter J. Kohler.

"The governor says the prestige of a university degree every year attracts liberal arts students to Madison, seat of the university, even from cities in which state liberal arts colleges are located. The financial burden on their parents would be lessened, the governor says, if the state colleges' degrees were granted by the university.

"More important, he said, the burden on the university would be relieved, permitting the mother institution to concentrate more of its activities on specialized subjects."

Correspondence

TOO OLD?

► As I read the various letters and editorials which have come out recently in the *HERALD* concerning "old" pastors, I am shocked and hurt. Shocked and hurt that a condition should exist in our Church to call forth any question on the matter.

Here on the mission field one of the most earnestly discussed questions in placing personnel is "experience." This has come about by the needs of the situation itself.

Certainly it is no sin to be a beginner. And I am happy for each of our young men who leave the seminary to enter into active service for their Lord. But I am astounded to learn that in our beloved Church it has become difficult for the men who have crossed the first hurdles, and become wiser for their first mistakes, and been led closer to the Lord of the Harvest as they have lived the hard daily reality of the pastorate, to enter into new fields of service.

I might add that I myself have received many hours of consecrated training from one who was retired because of his age, lo these seventeen years ago. And he is still one of the most effective youth workers we have.

It just doesn't make sense!

ANNA D. GULICK
Missionary in Japan

AS THE SMALL FRY SEES IT

► Thanks to the Editor for finding space in the precious columns of *LUTHERAN HERALD* for the brief reminder to the readers not only to be readers but also writers of the paper under the heading, "Correspondence." It seems already to have borne good results, for which I am very thankful. I hope many more will follow suit in the future, and that our fine church paper will find many new homes.

When I compare *LUTHERAN HERALD* of today with *LUTHERAN HERALD* of twenty-three years ago, great changes have taken place. This is as it ought to be and should be expected, living as we do in a transitory world and being constantly reminded that we are in a forward movement to brighter days. Let that utopian theory be as it may, it is our nature to look forward to happier and brighter days and forget, if possible, the evil days, and so we cast our lots with movements of today regardless whether it be for the best or for the worst. This is a good trait in our time, with its many requirements, and evinces that one has something for which to live.

At the present time I am specifically thinking of our church paper. It is living right in these various movements of requirements of our time. As a whole, it can be said that it has met all reasonable requirements very well. To please everybody is impossible, even for a paper. The old saying is true, "So many heads, so many minds." It can therefore not be expected that a church paper is beyond criticism by at least a few of its many thousands of readers. May I—the Small Fry—be permitted this time to point out one thing of which I don't fully approve, even though I am aware that many do not share my view.

Here it is. A couple of decades ago it was seldom that one saw a picture in the church paper. Now it seems though it is competing with *Life* and *Look* magazines. I look at the pictures may be restful to the mind, but it is doubtful if it is good for the brain. Idleness deteriorates the mind as well as the body, but we are all tempted to take the easiest roads regardless of the consequences. Religion calls for more imagination and brain work than looking at sceneries, and so we let it go at that. And is not this the reason for packed movie houses and half-filled churches?

It is not to my liking to see the picture of the same person over and over again during the same year. Yes, I realize seeing twice the same picture of the same person in the same issue. And what shall we say of these Scout pictures of boys, parents, and pastors which have become quite fashionable of later years? It doesn't seem to conform with the Word of God which says that the left hand should not know what the right hand is doing. If I am correctly informed, one of the largest Lutheran bodies doesn't tolerate Scouting within its congregations. This seems to me to go to the opposite extreme from our Church. Scouts' activities and Scout awards may have their place within certain boundaries, but when it goes too far there is a touch of vanity in it. It is human nature, you know, to cash in on publicity wherever an opportunity is offered.

I know a lady who was president of a Ladies Aid and a 4-H Club at the same time. Twice she neglected to attend the Ladies' Aid meeting because her 4-H Club had its meeting on the same afternoon. The same lady was absent from church services because of a picnic Sunday afternoon. It manifested where her treasure was. Of course the 4-H Club and the church-sponsored Scouting are not the same yet they have much in common.

There is a picture that I and many with me would like to see in our church paper. It is a picture of an often forgotten servant of the Lord. Most likely neither his name nor his picture was ever seen in our dailies or church paper, but he was always found hard at work in an obscure place in the Kingdom of God. When the life of this loyal and faithful servant of the Lord had ended, we read a few words of his passing under the heading, "Obituary." I can hardly imagine what would please the people whom he has served for a longer or shorter period of time more than to see one of the last pictures of their beloved former pastor. There are so many sweet and unforgettable memories from the time he walked in and out among them. Perhaps many of them had been baptized, confirmed, and married by the departed pastor. What an effect for spiritual growth such memories would have, God alone knows. Hence, let us have more pictures of the forgotten man who has finished his earthly life and less of him whose aspiration was popularity. How often have we not heard, "I have a picture clipping of our former pastor in my Bible." This shows how the memories from past days were cherished and associated with the Bible and their pastor. Indeed a lot of memory!

While I'm in the mood of criticism, which is for the readers to pass judgment on whether it is instructive or destructive criticism, I wish to add that I do not think much of the writings that come under the caption, "Here at There on the Christian Front." After reading some of it one wishes he was anything else but a Lutheran. And regarding the smaller print of *LUTHERAN HERALD*, the October campaign next fall will give the verdict.

THE SMALL FRY

Lutheran Herald

Within the ELC

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r, president of Luther College and o a former pastor of the church, oke at the eleven o'clock service. At e fellowship supper held at 5:00 Dr. A. Hoff of Decorah, Iowa, and Dr. erman A. Preus, professor at Luther eological Seminary, St. Paul, ough greetings. They have also ved as pastors of Our Saviour's con- egation. Also taking part in this ething was the Rev. Phillip Peder- n, a son of the congregation. Another n spoke at the evening service, the v. Carl Groettum of La Crosse, Wis.

North Dakota

Crosby, N. Dak. The Crosby parish is been divided into two parishes, oncordia Church in Crosby forming e, and the rural churches: Glen- od, Troy and Bethlehem the other. **Grand Forks, N. Dak.** The new me Missions Church near the Uni- versity of North Dakota is making ogress in erecting a church; the first rvice will be held in the new edifice out Whitsunday.

South Dakota

Watertown, S. Dak. A project of es- blishing a Home Mission Church on e north side of this city is under con- sideration. The matter of developing is project is in charge of the Rev. T. . Thompson, assistant director of LC Home Missions Department.

Howard, S. Dak. March 22 seven dults were received as members of the elleview-Bethany parish, served by e Rev. M. E. Ranheim, through con- firmation. Of the 79 members thus re- ceived in recent years several were for- mer Roman Catholics.

Pacific

Portland, Oregon. The pastoral con- ference of the Pacific District held a retreat April 7-9 at Camp Menucha, 0 miles east of this city. The theme f the retreat was "The Church and er Worship." Among the speakers ere the Rev. Norris Halvorson, Dr. . C. Eastvold, and Dr. H. L. Foss. e Rev. O. R. Kleppe functioned as aplain. Conference chairman is the ev. Obed Vold, Vancouver, Wash.

Canada

Saskatoon, Sask. Zion Church, par- h of the Rev. J. T. Dahle, celebrated ecently the 24th anniversary of its ounding and the fifth of the comple- on of its church edifice. Among the eakers were Dr. O. K. Storaasli, ohn Soberg, and Roy Hafso.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Gustav Eriksen

Mrs. Julia Kvitrud Eriksen, charter member of the Ladies Aid of Trinity Church, Oakland, California, died Jan. 31, in her 90th year, at Berkeley, California. Funeral services took place at the church named, the Rev. Gordon Hanson officiating. Born in Norway Aug. 21, 1863, Julia Kvitrud came to USA at the age of eighteen. She lived at first in Minneapolis, then at Deer Lodge, Montana, and since 1904 in Oakland. Her husband, Gustav Eriksen, died in 1931. She is survived by two brothers in Norway and by several more distant relatives. She was a life member of the Women's Missionary Federation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Austin Circuit WMF will hold a workers' conference May 6 at St. Olaf Church, Austin, Minn. Speakers: Mesdames Boyd and Lokensgard.

Rice Lake Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Dallas, Wis.

Madison Circuit YPLL will meet May 3 at Colman, S. Dak.

Estherville Circuit YPLL will meet May 3 at Ruthven, Iowa.

South Puget Sound Circuit YPLL will meet April 24-25 at Bethlehem Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Sisseton Circuit YPLL will meet April 25 at Bethel Church near Veblen, S. Dak.

Bismarck Circuit YPLL will meet April 26 at Hazen, N. Dak.

Omaha Circuit WMF will meet April 28 at Newman Grove, Neb. Speaker: the Rev. C. M. Hanson.

Montevideo Circuit WMF will meet April 30 at Morris, Minn. Speaker: Dr. J. L. Knutson.

Brookings Circuit WMF will meet April 14 at Volga, S. Dak. Speaker: the Rev. C. M. Hanson.

Moorhead Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Rollag Church, s.e. of Hawley, Minn. Speaker: Dr. J. L. Knutson.

Madison Circuit WMF will meet April 13 at Madison, S. Dak. Speakers: Pastors C. M. Hanson and D. W. Preus.

La Crosse Circuit will meet May 10 at Our Redeemer Church, La Crosse, Wis. Speaker: Dr. L. N. Field.

The Tri-Circuit Pastoral Conference will meet April 14, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at Our Saviour's Church, La Crosse, Wis. Speaker: Dr. C. H. Becker, president, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

Grand Forks Circuit LDR will hold

its annual convention May 17 at St. Paul's Church, Honeyford, N. Dak., morning and afternoon sessions.

Arrowhead Circuit WMF will meet May 12 at Bethel Church, Superior, Wis. Speaker: Miss Alice Sanne.

Goose River Circuit YPLL will meet April 25-26 at Northwood, N. Dak.

Lac qui Parle Circuit YPLL will meet April 19 at the Dawson Armory, Dawson, Minn.

Valley City Circuit YPLL will meet April 19 at Litchville, N. Dak.

Denver Circuit YPLL will meet April 24-26 at Our Saviour's Church, Denver, Colo.

St. Ansgar Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Rake, Iowa. Speakers: Missionaries Mrs. A. Okland and Mrs. H. Erickson, and the Rev. Elling Ramsey.

Mt. Horeb Circuit WMF will meet May 5 at Five Points Church, Richland Center, Wis. Speaker: Miss Alice Sanne.

Green Bay Circuit WMF will meet May 12 in Zion and Trinity Churches, Ellison Bay, Wis.

Texas Circuit WMF will meet April 21 at Trinity Church, Clifton, Texas. Speakers: Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Sylvia Skolos.

Windom Circuit WMF will meet May 7 at Highwater Church, south of Lamberton, Minn.

Northern Minnesota District's Pastoral Conference will meet April 14-15 at First Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, Minn. Speakers: Dr. A. N. Rogness, Dr. Geo. W. Forell, Dr. L. E. Tallakson, Pastors Jacob Jerstad, Murley Severtson, R. C. Reinholtzen, and Oscar Rem.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT WMF'S CIRCUIT SPRING CONVENTIONS

Speakers for 5 circuits: Mrs. Roy O. Storvick, general president; the Rev. John Schultz, Lutheran student pastor, Fargo.

DATE—CIRCUIT—PLACE

April 23, Lakota, Lawton

April 23, Lake Region, Maddock, rural (Immanuel).

April 28, Oakes, Oakes.

April 28, Valley City, Hastings, rural (Spring Creek).

April 29, Fargo, Fargo (Olivet).

Speakers: The Rev. Conrad Halvorson, Madagascar Missionary, and the Rev. John Schultz:

April 29, Grand Forks, Buxton.

April 30, Goose River, Portland, rural (Bang).

April 30, Cooperstown, Finley.

May 1, Park River, Osnabrock.
 May 4, Harvey, Harvey.
 May 5, Minot, Minot (First Lutheran).
 May 6, Turtle Mountain, Mohall.
 May 7, Max, Parshall.
 May 8, Bismarck, Riverdale.
 May 11, Hettinger, Hettinger, rural
 (Richland).
 May 12, Dickinson, Sentinel Butte.
 May 13, McKenzie, Watford City
 (Garden).
 May 14, Crosby, Stady.
 May 14, Williston, McGregor.

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 may be done by the local congregation.

SEMINARY BROADCASTS

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 Seminary, St. Paul, may be heard each
 Sunday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock over
 WCAL. The following speakers have
 been announced:

April 12, Arnold Nelson, Teaneck,
 N. J.
 April 19, Charles Christian, Fairmont,
 Minn.
 April 26, Reuben Sorensen, Monrovia,
 Calif.
 May 3, David Helgen, Northfield,
 Minn.
 May 10, Lambert Locker, Armstrong,
 Iowa.

BROTHERHOOD BIENNIAL CONVENTIONS, 1953

Eastern, Eau Claire, Wis., April 1
 Northern Minn., Superior, Wis.,
 18-19.
 Southern Minn., Mankato, Minn.,
 2-3.
 Pacific, Seattle, Wash., May 9-10.
 Rocky Mountain, Billings, Mont.,
 23-24.
 California, Long Beach, Calif., May
 So. Dakota, Yankton, So. Dak.,
 31-June 1.
 No. Dakota, Minot, No. Dak., May
 June 1.
 South Central, Mason City, Iowa,
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 N. E. Benson, Galesville, Wis.
 Hiram Ellingson, 6 Square de Perc
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 Orville G. Hiepler, 4609 38th Ave., S
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 Marine Division, FMF, F.P.O., San Fran
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 City, Iowa
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 York.
 Earl J. Lund, Larimore, N. Dak.
 P. J. Luvaas, 21 E. Sixth, Kenne
 Wash.
 Gerald F. Mundfrom, Granville, N.
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 Walter H. Nordby (Chaplain), Regime
 Chap., 1st Bn. 7th Marines, First Marine
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MUSIC COLLECTIONS

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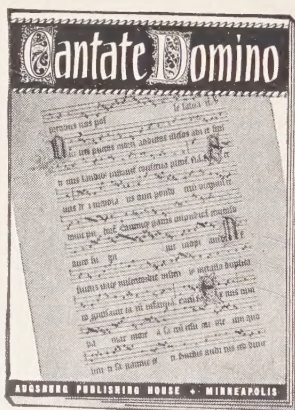
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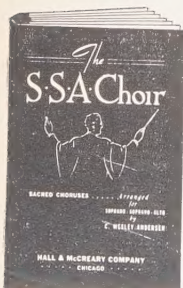
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 O Lord," "Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord."

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Church in Bogota

(Continued from page 357)

five hundred people. The wind
 will be plain, as it is expected
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For Sale—cafe doing a good business in a
small town in west-central Minnesota. Lu-
theran community. The fixtures are for sale

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Cafe for sale in county seat town with
population of 2500. Selling on account of ill-
ness. Good business town. Good Lutheran lo-
cation, southern Minnesota. 305-9C

For Sale—Minneapolis-Moline implement
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territory; good Lutheran community. Other
business forces sale. Present owner could
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Balance on terms. 305-11C

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Would like to buy a combination confec-
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2 students desire place to park trailer
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POSITIONS WANTED

Competent woman experienced in quan-
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Experienced high school teacher desires po-
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man. 305-18E

HELP WANTED

Housekeeper wanted for Lutheran couple
in modern home in small Wisconsin city.
Woman is semi-invalid. 305-19F

Wanted woman to do housework and care
for 13 month old motherless child in good
home in southern Minnesota. Modern con-
veniences and good working conditions.
305-20F

Woman wanted for housework in eastern
North Dakota town. Lutheran community.
Just 2 in the family, woman is semi-invalid.
Good place for someone who is looking for
a home. 305-21F

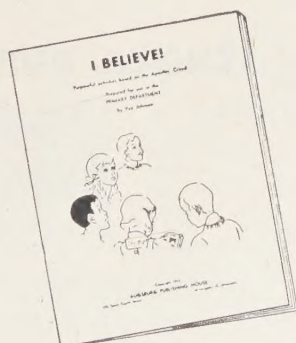
Wanted—nurse or practical nurse for Home
for Aged in South Dakota; or a young, or
middle aged lady will be considered who
would like to learn such work, in large
modern Home. 305-22F

Principal wanted for high school and
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inantly Lutheran community in Montana.
Would like to be able to combine the duties
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